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Title : Hand Operated Shirring Machine

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.